The Honorable Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

To whom it may concern:

I live in Decatur, Illinois. I am a new subscriber to Dish Network. When I purchased my system it was to get away from constant price increases the cable company deemed necessary. On the day I purchased my new system, I also purchased an antenna to afix to my dish. As we are approximately 40 miles from three of our local stations I can only receive very poor reception. The only local station we receive is here in town. I have signed on for the Chicago package but that is not my local stations. For people caught in between the cracks-like myself-I think the merger is only fair.

Sincerely,

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